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UPSIDE DOWN BAKE PLATE TO MAKE
VERTICAL AND NEGATIVE PHOTORESIST
PROFILE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed is Form PTO-1449, Information Disclosure Citation
In An Application.

The following Patents and/or Publications are submitted to
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U.S. Patent 5,849,435 to Akram et al., "Method for Forming a Thin Uniform Layer of Resist for Lithography," discloses a process, which inverts a wafer with resist and then hardens.

U.S. Patent 6,100,506 to Colelli, Jr. et al., "Hot Plate with In Situ Surface Temperature Adjustment," discloses a photoresist bake using a right side up hot plate.

U.S. Patent 5,578,127 to Kimura, "System for Applying Process Liquid," discloses a coat and bake photoresist system.

The following two U.S. Patents disclose processes with bakes and hot plates:

- 1) U.S. Patent 4,800,251 to Matsuoka, "Apparatus for Forming a Resist Pattern."
- 2) U.S. Patent 5,877,076 to Dai, "Opposed Two-Layered Photoresist Process for Dual Damascene Patterning."

Sincerely,



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